

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
MARICOPA COUNTY**

IN THE MATTER OF A                     )  
SABBATICAL PROGRAM FOR            )  
FAMILY COURT JUDGES                )

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
No. 2004-178

Whereas, the Arizona Supreme Court has requested the Superior Court to assign judges to longer terms of assignment to the family department; and

Whereas, longer terms of assignment are beneficial to the public; and

Whereas, the Superior Court recognizes that a judicial assignment to the family court does create greater stresses and strains on a judicial officer than an assignment to other departments of the Court, with a higher risk of burn-out,

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. Any judge of the Superior Court who agrees to serve on the family court department for a five year term may, at the conclusion of two and one-half years of service or any time thereafter, take a forty-five day sabbatical upon application to and approval of the presiding judge. During the term of this sabbatical, the calendar of the judge shall be covered by another judicial officer well-trained in family law. During the period of sabbatical, the judge may attend a national judicial program related to education and improvement of judges, make site visits to other courts, or conduct research for court improvement projects.
2. A judge may accept a longer term of assignment any time within their first two and one-half years of service to the family court department and be eligible for this program.

DATED: November 1, 2004.

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Colin Campbell  
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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Chief Justice Charles Jones  
Marcus Reinkensmeyer, Trial Courts Administrator  
Betty Adams, Administrative Services Director  
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